

KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2021

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Marriage and Family Therapists held virtually through Zoom on April 15, 2021.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shawn Oak
Scott Kaminsky
Fred Stickle
Mike Clark
John Embry

DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

Tiler Hahn, Board Administrator
Kevin Winstead, Acting Commissioner
Chessica Nation, Administrative Supervisor
Robin Vick, Fiscal Supervisor

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

OTHERS

Leah Boggs; General Counsel
Chris Hunt; Advising Counsel
Shandeep Dutta; Board Counsel

GUESTS

Nick Porritt, Marie Ruf, Kathy Adams, Miranda Riley,
Mike Rankin

CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Oak called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A motion made by Fred Stickle to accept the minutes of the March 18, 2021 meeting. Motion, seconded by Scott Kaminsky, carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial statement for the month of March 2021 presented to the Board for review. No further action as required.

DPL UPDATE

The Board reviewed the MOA between the Investigator. A motion made by Fred Stickle to approve the MOA. Motion, seconded by Scott Kaminsky, Carried

LEGAL COUNSEL

Leah Boggs introduced Shandeep Dutta as the Boards new counsel.

The Board reviewed the MOA between OLS and MFT for FY22. A motion made by John Embry to approve the MOA. Motion, seconded by Fred Stickle, Carried

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

A Licensure Status Report, February 8, presented to the Board for review. The report showed there are currently **608** active licensed Marriage and Family Therapists along with **169** active licensed Marriage and Family Therapy Associates. No further action was required.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed comments from Children's Alliance on proposed regulation changes. The following was determined:

- **Page 6 Section (8) Line 19** *“Please amend Section 8 to clarify: If an associate needs to use the Temporary Supervision (which they can do for 90 days under an emergency situation), do those hours count toward the 200 hours of supervision and do they need to get raw data during that time”*. A motion made by Scott Kaminsky to maintain the current language in the regulations. Motion, seconded by Fred Stickle, carried.
- **Page 2 Section 1(5) Line 7** *“This requires “all mental health professionals” to successfully complete a three-hour training. Since the MFT Board does not have purview over all mental health professionals, we recommend that “all mental health professionals” be changed to “each licensee” or if appropriate, “each licensee and associate”*. A motion made by John Embry to change to the recommended. Motion, seconded by Fred Stickle, carried.
- **Page 4 Section 3(3)(a)2.c. Line 22** *“Recommend that the second sentence be corrected to read: One (1) sample continuing education course that would qualify for approval under Section 1(2) of this administrative regulation. Although only one (1) course is submitted, it is understood that this course serves as an example of all courses provided in providing Kentucky.”* A motion made by Fred Stickle to change to “Provided”. Motion, seconded by John Embry, carried.
- **Page 6 Section 3(3) (a) 2.k Line 1** *“This provision reads to allow whether a provider maintains policies concerning program fee, refunds, and cancelations is optional for a continuing education sponsor. Likewise, the “Application for Continuing Education Sponsor” form includes this provision as a yes or no question. [Question 5] If this is not optional, and a continuing education sponsor is required to maintain policies concerning program fee, refunds, and cancelations, we would ask that this provision and the form be amended accordingly.”* A motion made by Fred Stickle to reject the recommendation. Motion, seconded by John Embry, carried.
- **Page 6 Section 3(3)(a)2.p.(iii) Line 14** *“For clarity and consistency with Section 9 of 201 KAR 32:030, we recommend that the words “consecutive calendar” be added to read: Board approval will be for a period of two (2) consecutive calendar years;”*
Page 4 Section 3(3) Line 11 *“Recommend that the words “consecutive calendar” be added for clarity and consistency with Section 9 of 201 KAR 32:030 so that the subsection reads: An approved continuing education sponsor is a person or organization which is approved by the Board to provide more than one (1) continuing education programs over a two (2) consecutive calendar year period of time.”* A motion made by Fred Stickle to approve the recommendations. Motion, seconded by John Embry, carried.
- **Page 6 Section 3(3) (b) Line 19** *“Recommend this provision be amended to clarify who the annual report is submitted to, such as: An approved continuing education sponsor shall submit an annual report to the board of the education pro-grams offered during the year.”* A motion made by Fred Stickle to approve the recommendation. Motion, seconded by John Embry, carried.

The Board reviewed a request from S. Malone to extend the time of her permit to allow taking the exam again. The Board stated she can apply for full licensure and her application held for 12 months until we receive a passing nation exam score but her permit will still expire on its renewal date. A motion made by Scott Kaminsky to reject the request from S. Malone. Motion, seconded by John Embry, carried.

A motion made by John Embry to approve the request from J. Woods to be an AAMFT Supervisor candidate. Motion, seconded by Mike Clark, carried.

The Board reviewed a request from S. Puckett to have a course taken, prior to becoming an associate, be approved to meet requirements. Shawn Oak recused himself from this discussion and decision. A motion made by Fred Stickle to deny the request from S. Puckett. Motion, seconded by Scott Kaminsky, carried.

Mike Rankin addressed the Board wanting clarity on the reasoning for upping Supervisors allowed supervisees from 6 to 12. The Board informed him that associates in parts of the state were having difficulty finding supervisors & that due to telehealth supervision being available; it allowed supervisors to accept associates from further away.

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

A motion made by Fred Stickle to approve all applications, renewals, audits, inactive requests and CE provider applications as reviewed by the applications committee prior to this meeting. Motion, seconded by Mike Clark, carried.

A motion made by John Embry to approve the ratifications of applications, renewals, audits and CE provider applications reviewed and issued following the last meeting and prior to this meeting. Motion, seconded by Fred Stickle, carried.

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

No Review

PER DIEM

Motion made by John Embry to approve Per Diem for the following:

- 4/14/21: Mike Clark, Fred Stickle –paper applications
- 4/15/21: Shawn Oak, Fred Stickle, Mike Clark, Scott Kaminsky, John Embry- Board Meeting

Motion, seconded by Fred Stickle, carried.

ADJOURN

Motion made by John Embry to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. Motion, seconded by Mike Clark, carried.



Shawn Oak, Chair